



Interest/funding

Interest for the project develops, the project is determined to be feasible and funding for the location/design study is provided.

Project start up

The limits of the project corridor are set. The scope of the study and the purpose and need for the project are determined and a scoping document is prepared and mailed to governmental and regulatory agencies.

Public informational meeting

Preliminary alternatives are shown to the public, and comments are collected. Public informational meetings can be held at any time during the study process.

Development of preliminary alternatives

Based on project design criteria, preliminary alternatives are developed within the project corridor.

Selection of alternatives

Alternatives are selected for more detailed study based on satisfaction of purpose and need, calculation of impacts and costs, and public input.

Detailed study

Each alternative that is retained for detailed study is reviewed to determine which alternatives satisfy the purpose and need for the project while minimizing impacts.

Public informational meeting

Details of alternatives are shown to the public, and comments are collected.

Draft reports

The project report, environmental documentation, and any necessary technical reports are prepared.

Final reports/  
recommendation

One alternative is recommended for design and construction and is documented in the final report. Once this recommendation is approved, the federal funding will become available and design of the project will begin.

STUDY PROCESS